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MEMORANDUM FOR: Department and Agency Emergency Coordinators

FROM: *William F. Williams*  
William F. Williams  
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SUBJECT: Discontinuing FEMA Form 12-11;  
Department and Agency Notification

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has decided to discontinue issuing the FEMA Federal Employee Emergency Identification Card, FEMA Form 12-11, to FEMA and other Federal personnel. As stated in Federal Register Notice 44 CFR Part 311, June 26, 1980, the ID card was intended to be part of a uniform identification system for Federal employees who are designated to perform essential duties during emergencies. These emergencies included natural and man-caused disasters, and national security alerts. The ID card was designed to facilitate assistance and unrestricted movement from State and local governments, and law enforcement officials. Authority to issue the ID cards was assigned to Keith R. Peterson, Chief, Operations and Plans Division, Emergency Operations.

My decision to discontinue the ID cards is based on a recent program review which resulted in the following conclusions:

1. There is little record of the ID card being used to successfully access disaster areas;
2. The cards have often been misused;
3. Accountability for the cards has not been maintained;
4. Improving and maintaining a system of accountability for the ID cards would require the commitment of a large amount of resources (funds, personnel, and time);
5. The availability of these necessary resources from all participating organizations is questionable; and
6. The amount of resources necessary to develop and maintain the ID card system does not match the value of the system.

We will be happy to receive your comments.